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REMARKS

I. Present Status of Claims.

Claims 14 – 32 and 40 - 48 are now pending in the present application. Claims 14 and 40 are amended herein. Claims 1 – 13, 33 – 39, and 49 – 51 are cancelled herein.

The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

II. Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicant notes that the presently outstanding Final Office Action objects to Claims 14 – 32 and 40 - 48 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would find those claims allowable if the objected to claims were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant believes that the amendments made to claims 14 and 40 include the changes suggested by the examiner and that those amended claims, and all other claims that depend directly or indirectly from those two claim, are now in condition for allowance by the examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the examiner withdraw all objections to claims 14 – 32 and 40 – 48 and that the examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for those claims.

III. Conclusion.

Claims 14 – 32 and 40 - 48 are now pending in the present application.

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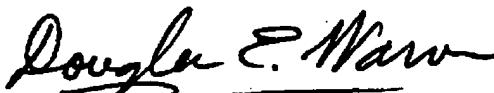
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It is believed that all of the stated grounds for objections have been properly accommodated herein. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding objections.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Final Office Action and that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (636) 519-5257.

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Respectfully submitted by:

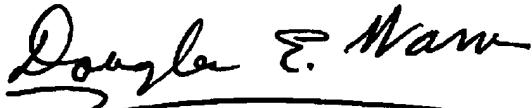


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